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Preface

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List of Abbreviations

ACT	Adaptive Control of Thought
AGR	Agreement
AH	Accessibility Hierarchy
AP	Adjective phrase (A")
BSM	Bilingual Syntax Measure
CA	Contrastive Analysis
COALA	Computer Aided Linguistic Analysis
CP	Complement phrase (C")
CS	Communicative strategies
ECP	Empty Category Principle
EFL	English as a Foreign Language
E-language	External language
ESL	English as a Second Language
GB	Government/Binding (theory)
IL	Interlanguage
I-language	Internal language
INFL(I)	Inflection
IP	Inflection phrase (I")
L1	First language
L2	Second language
L3	Language other than L1 or L2
LAD	Language Acquisition Device
LARSP	Language Assessment Remediation and Screening Procedure
LFG	Lexical-Functional Grammar
LV	Local Variable
MAL	Micro-Artificial Language
N	Noun
Neg	Negation
NL	Native Language
NP	Noun phrase (N")
P	Preposition
PBD	Principal Branching Direction
PP	Prepositional phrase (P")
RRC	Restrictive relative clause
SLA	Second language acquisition
SLOPE	Second Language Oral Production English
SOV	Subject, Object, Verb (order)
SVO	Subject, Verb, Object (order)
TL	Target language
TNS	Tense

TPR	Total Physical Response (teaching method)
UG	Universal Grammar
V	Verb
VOS	Verb, Object, Subject (order)
VP	Verb phrase (V'')
ZISA	Zweisprachenerwerb italienischer und spanischer Arbeiter